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DEPT PASS DR. IRENE TINKER, AAAS FROM VREBALOVICH

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRAVEL SUPPORT OF DR. A K ROY TO PARTICIPATE

IN THE AAAS SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD IN DENVER, FEBRUARY

20-25, 1977

REF: NOVEMBER 29 LETTER FROM TINKER TO VREBALOVICH

1. IN THE CASE OF ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT SPONSORED OR FUNDED VISITS OF INDIANS, EMBASSY IS OBLIGED TO SEND A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MEA) WITH AN INVITATION LETTER TO THE CONCERNED INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING MEA TO PASS THE INVITATION IF DEEMED FIT. FOR THIS, WE NEED TO KNOW THE PRECISE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT, DATES OF VISIT, AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF TRAVEL AND SUPPORT FUNDS. IN NO CASE IS THE INVITATION TO BE SENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL DIRECTLY.

2. ALTERNATIVELY, THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION CAN CONSIDER SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF AN INDIAN SCIENTIST UNDER ITS SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM PROVIDED SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME IS GIVEN.

THE REQUEST FOR TRAVEL FUNDS HAS TO BE INITIATED BY THE INDIAN SCIENTIST AND SUBMITTED TO THE EMBASSY THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATION OF HIS INSTITUTION VIA THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (GOI) CHANNELS. FROM THE PAST EXPERIENCE, WE ARE NOT VERY HOPEFUL OF ROY'S TRAVEL REQUEST BEING SPONSORED BY THE GOI AND CONSIDERED BY NSF AT SUCH A SHORT NOTICE. YOU MAY, HOWEVER, WISH TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH DR. GERALD EDWARDS, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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